

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**COMBINED POWER OF ATTORNEY
AND STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Honorable Commissioner For Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20131

Dear Sir,

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Technology Center 2600

On behalf of the assignee, Oki Electric Industry Co., Ltd., I hereby revoke all prior powers of attorney in the applications identified in TABLE 1 below, and

I appoint Adam C. Volentine, Reg. No. 33289 and William S. Francos, Reg. No. 38,456, and the firm of *VOLENTINE FRANCOS, P.L.L.C.*, jointly and severally, attorneys to prosecute the applications identified in TABLE 1 below, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

TABLE 1

Serial Number	Filing Date	Attorney Docket No.	Reel	Frame
09/798,916	03/06/01	OKI.455	011611	0927
09/697,122	10/27/00	OKI.456	Assignment Attached	
10/020,187	12/18/01	OKI.457	012392	0910
09/812,685	03/21/01	OKI.458	011629	0036
09/839,671	04/23/01	OKI.459	011733	0874
09/899,055	07/06/01	OKI.460	011971	0331
09/984,280	10/29/01	OKI.461	012470	0526
10/073,022	02/12/02	OKI.462	012583	0893
09/353,448	07/14/99	OKI.463	010116	0892
09/361,739	07/28/99	OKI.464	Assignment Attached	
09/478,545	01/06/00	OKI.465	010502	0456
10/000,445	12/04/01	OKI.466	012347	0122
09/875,292	06/07/01	OKI.467	012227	0622
10/053,897	01/24/02	OKI.468	012519	0992
10/017,927	12/18/01	OKI.469	012395	0530
10/245,393	09/18/02	OKI.470	13306	0123
10/270,608	10/16/02	OKI.471	Assignment Attached	
09/987,988	11/16/01	OKI.472	012313	0207
10/015,695	12/17/01	OKI.473	012385	0735
09/950,884	09/13/01	OKI.474	012171	0988
09/951,623	09/14/01	OKI.475	012173	0781
09/739,621	12/20/00	OKI.476	011393	0049
09/867,675	05/31/01	OKI.477	011857	0037
10/259,516	09/30/02	OKI.478	Assignment Attached	

09/631,676	08/03/2000	OKI.479	010998 0165
10/017,928	12/18/2001	OKI.480	<i>Assignment/Attached</i>

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Oki Electric Industry Co., Ltd., a Corporation of Tokyo, Japan, states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest, in the patent applications/patents identified above by virtue of assignments from the inventor(s) of the patent applications/patents identified above. The corresponding assignments are either attached or were recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at the reel and frame numbers as shown above in TABLE A.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

SIGNATURE

Jan. 9, 2003
Date

Fumitaka Yokoyama
Type or printed name
Jan. 9, 2003
Fumitaka Yokoyama
Signature

General Manager, Legal & Intellectual
Property Division

Title

ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT

WHEREAS Yukio Tabei

hereinafter referred to collectively as the assignor, has invented a certain improvement relating to "SPEECH SYNTHESIS DEVICE"

[X] the inventor(s) declaration for said application being executed concurrently with the execution of this instrument; said application to be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office;

[] said application having been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on,

_____ authorization being hereby given to my attorneys, **George H. Spencer, Robert J. Frank, Norman N. Kunitz, Gabor J. Kelemen, John W. Schneller, Marina V. Schneller, Robert Kinberg, Allen Wood, Ashley J. Wells, Richard D. Schmidt, James R. Burdett, Michael A. Gollin, Leo J. Jennings, Catherine M. Voorhees, Gary L. Shaffer, G. Abe Zachariah, Julie A. Petruzzelli, Catherine A. Ferguson, Michael A. Sartori, Fei-Fei Chao, Charles C. P. Rories and Jeffrey W. Gluck**, of VENABLE, Post Office Box 34385, Washington, D.C. 20043-9998, to insert here in parentheses (Application Serial No.) the application serial number of said application when known;

[] said application having been filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty on _____, Serial No.) _____, the United States of America being designated.

AND WHEREAS Oki Electric Industry Co., Ltd.

of 7-12, Toranomom 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

hereinafter referred to as the assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to said invention and any and all patents which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof;

NOW THIS WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration paid by said assignee to said assignor, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said assignor hereby assigns, sells and transfers to said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to said invention and any and all patents which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof; said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and the said invention and any and all patents which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, with all the rights, powers, privileges and advantages in anywise arising from or appertaining thereto, for and during the term or terms of any and all such patents when granted, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, for the use and benefit of said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, in as ample and beneficial a manner as the said assignor might or could have held and enjoyed the same, if this assignment had not been made.

AND said assignor hereby agrees to perform, upon the request of said assignee, or said assignee's successors or assigns, any and all acts relating to the obtaining or to the asserting of said patents, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof.

AND said assignor authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue Letters Patent on said application, and on any and all divisions and continuations thereof, to said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, in accordance herewith.

EXECUTED, October 16, 2000.

WITNESS:

ASSIGNOR:

Signature: Takeshi Yano

Signature: Yukio Tabei

Name: Yukio Tabei